

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

- v - :

ORDER  
18 Cr. 876 (KMK)

WANDA RUIZ, :

Defendant. :

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KENNETH M. KARAS, U.S.D.J.

WHEREAS WANDA RUIZ has indicated her intent to enter a  
guilty plea in this matter;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates  
that the change-of-plea hearing in this case take place  
remotely;

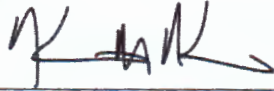
WHEREAS the CARES Act and findings made by the  
Judicial Conference of the United States and Chief Judge Colleen  
McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty  
pleas to be taken by phone or video, subject to certain findings  
made by the District Judge;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that, for the reasons set forth  
in the parties' joint application dated November 4, 2020, the  
change-of-plea hearing in this case cannot be further delayed

without serious harm to the interests of justice.

Dated: White Plains, New York  
November 4, 2020

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Karas', is written over a horizontal line.

HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York